

What is claimed is:

1. A method of providing a purchaser of a product with a replica portraying the product including the steps of:
receiving product information relating to a visible feature of the product; and
causing a replica including the visible feature to be transferred to the purchaser.
2. The method of claim 1 further including the step of offering the purchaser an opportunity to purchase the replica.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the product is a vehicle, the product information including one of make, model, color, wheel design, and VIN.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein a merchant of the product receives the product information.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein a registrar receives the product information.
6. The method of claim 5 wherein the registrar also obtains information relating to an owner of the product to associate the product and the replica with the owner.
7. The method of claim 4 further including the step of providing a registrar for receiving the product information from the merchant, the registrar using the product information and information relating to an owner of the product to associate the product and the replica with the owner.
8. The method of claim 7 wherein the registrar includes a registrar computing device and the merchant includes a merchant computing device connected to the registrar computing device by a network, the registrar receiving the product information from the merchant computing device, over the network, and through the registrar computing device.
9. The method of claim 7 wherein the purchaser is the owner of the product.
10. The method of claim 7 wherein the owner information includes one of owner name and address.
11. The method of claim 7 further including the step of causing the registrar to associate the owner information with a product identification number and a replica identification number.
12. The method of claim 7 further including the step of transferring a replica order from the registrar to a replica manufacturer.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the registrar includes a registrar computing device and the replica manufacturer includes a replica manufacturer computing device connected to the registrar computing device by a network, the replica order being transferred from the registrar computing device, over the network to the replica manufacturer computing device.

14. The method of claim 12 wherein the replica order includes the product information and the owner information.

15. The method of claim 12 wherein the replica order includes an identifier from which the replica manufacturer can determine the product information.

16. The method of claim 12 further including the step of creating a certificate of ownership associating the product and the replica with the owner.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the replica manufacturer creates the certificate of ownership and provides the certificate of ownership to the registrar.

18. The method of claim 16 wherein the registrar creates the certificate of ownership.

19. The method of claim 16 further including the step of transferring the replica and the certificate of ownership from the replica manufacturer to the registrar.

20. The method of claim 16 wherein the certificate of ownership includes the product information and the owner information.

21. The method of claim 16 wherein the certificate of ownership resembles a state-issued document.

22. The method of claim 16 further including the step of causing the registrar to update registration records based on the replica and the certificate of ownership.

23. The method of claim 22 wherein the registrar includes a registrar computing device having a database, the database containing the updated registration records.

24. The method of claim 12 further including the step of transferring the replica from the replica manufacturer to the registrar.

25. The method of claim 24 further including the step of obtaining the replica from stock.

26. The method of claim 24 further including the step of custom building the replica.

27. The method of claim 24 wherein the replica includes an identification number.

28. The method of claim 27 wherein the replica identification number has characteristics in common with characteristics of an identification number associated with the product.

29. The method of claim 16 further including the step of transferring to the owner the replica and a certificate of ownership associating the product and the replica with the owner.

30. The method of claim 29 wherein the step of transferring the replica to the owner includes the steps of transferring the replica from the registrar to a merchant of the product, and from the merchant to the owner.

31. The method of claim 29 wherein the step of transferring the replica to the owner includes the step of transferring the replica from the registrar directly to the owner.

32. The method of claim 29 wherein the step of transferring the replica to the owner includes the step of transferring the replica from the replica manufacturer directly to the owner.

33. A system for providing a purchaser of a product with a replica portraying the product, including:

a merchant having a merchant computing device;

a replica manufacturer having a replica manufacturer computing device; and

a network connecting the merchant computing device and the replica manufacturer computing device;

wherein the merchant inputs into the merchant computing device product information relating to a visible feature of a product purchased by the purchaser, the product information is transferred as a replica order over the network to the replica manufacturer computing device, and a replica including the visible feature of the product is transferred to the purchaser.

34. The system of claim 33 wherein the network is the Internet.

35. The system of claim 33 wherein the merchant computing device and the replica manufacturer computing device are personal computers executing web-browser applications.

36. The system of claim 33 wherein the replica order includes the product information and information relating to an owner of the product.

37. The system of claim 33 further including a registrar having a registrar computing device connected to the merchant computing device and the replica manufacturer computing device via the network, the product information being transferred from the merchant computing device to the registrar computing device which generates the replica order.

38. The system of claim 37 wherein the registrar computing device includes a database containing a plurality of replica manufacturers.

39. The system of claim 37 wherein the replica order includes the product information and information relating to an owner of the product.

40. The system of claim 39 wherein the registrar transfers the replica to the owner.

41. The system of claim 39 wherein the registrar transfers the replica to the merchant and the merchant transfers the replica to the owner.

42. The system of claim 39 wherein the replica manufacturer transfers the replica to the owner.

43. The system of claim 37 wherein the replica manufacturer creates a certificate of ownership associating the product and the replica with an owner of the product.

44. The system of claim 43 wherein the replica manufacturer provides the certificate of ownership to the registrar.

45. The system of claim 44 wherein the registrar computing device, based on the replica and the certificate of ownership, updates registration information in a database associating the product and the replica with the owner.

46. The system of claim 45 wherein the registrar updates the registration information after the owner of the product transfers ownership of the product to a second owner.

47. The system of claim 37 wherein the replica manufacturer provides the replica to the registrar.

48. The system of claim 47 wherein the replica manufacturer provides a replica identification number associated with the replica.

49. A method of memorializing the purchase of a product, including the steps of:
obtaining product information relating to visible features of the product;
obtaining information relating to the owner of the purchased product;
causing the creation of a replica based on the product information, the replica portraying a visible feature of the product;
causing the creation of a certificate of ownership based on the product information and the owner information, the certificate of ownership associating the owner with the replica; and
transferring the replica and the certificate of ownership to the owner.